



The Board of Directors of the Alliance for California Traditional Arts approved a policy statement on June 23, 2020 to use for statewide advocacy on the topic of reimagining public safety in California communities:

*The Alliance for California Traditional Arts calls on our supporters and constituents to support policy campaigns that reallocate funding to basic human needs like healthcare, housing, and alternatives to policing. Through our programs, ACTA has increased its expertise in the area of progressing social change at the community level. We have shown an understanding of how systemic racism is embedded in structural issues like over-policing and lack of investment in human-centered services, and how these social determinants of health impact our ability to lead healthy lives where we live, work, and play. Supporting these policy campaigns publicly would be yet another key activation of our community of artists and practitioners who are already leading social change in their communities towards a critical policy change in various cities across the state. Taking this stand will demonstrate that the practice of traditional arts and the lives of traditional artists are not bound only by policies that focus on funding for arts and cultures; rather, these artists, practices, and communities are embedded within social and political systems that ACTA is also engaged with. This is an opportunity for ACTA to both visually show our history of social justice work that spans across issues and communities, and to publicly center the role of traditional practices and traditional artists in community-based social justice movements.*